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Request Service-Save Money

Producers who plan to participate in the 1970 voluntary wheat, feedgrain, or cotton programs may save money by requesting measurement service from their county Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service Office according to J. P. Alvis, Jr. chairman of the Appomattox County ASC Committee.

He urged farmers to put in their requests for measurement service as soon as possible in order to be assured of early service.

The ASCS office makes a charge for the measurement service and offsets to cover cost of the field and office work. "In proportion to the possible savings to the farmers, the modest charge is well worth it," said Mr. Alvis.

Under the voluntary programs, a farmer certifies the acreage he has planted in wheat, feed grain, and cotton. Failure to certify to the exact acreage devoted to each crop and land use can result in substantial reductions in payments otherwise earned under the farm programs.

However, if the acreage has been staked by an ASCS reporter prior to planting or prior to the certification date, the farmer has assurance he will be able to make precise certification.

If his acreage is staked before planting, he need only stay within the staked areas to assure compliance with the programs. If his acreage is measured after planting and before certification, he still will have time to make changes to comply fully with the programs.

The ASCS measurement service provides for staking both the land to be planted to the program crops and the land which is to be diverted from crop production.

"Guessing about acreage can cost the farmer money either through overplanting or underplanting," Mr. Alvis said. "Acreage measurement takes the guessing out."

He pointed out that after a producer has certified his crop acres and his diverted acres he cannot make changes in order to comply with program provisions. If a spot check reveals an error, a penalty must be assessed. Spot checks are made each year on a substantial number of farms participating in the voluntary programs.

Measurement service should be requested at the County ASCS Office. Complete details about the service and the charge for it plus full information about farm program compliance provisions are available.

Glenn T. Harris

In Colorado

PFC Glenn T. Harris, son of Mrs. Clyde E. Lipscomb, of Appomattox, finished his basic training at Ft. Benning, Ga.

He is now with the 613th Engr. Bn. Combat and is taking his A.I.T. in Ft. Carson, Colo. He is the grandson of Mrs. Bessie Harris, of Phenix. He will arrive home for 16 days on Jan. 1st.

STONEWALL

"She shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus, for he shall save his people from their sons." Matt. 1:2

Mr. and Mrs. Lyn Staton have come home for the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Jessie Judy are spending their holidays with the Davidson family and the McCraws.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Carson visited her mother, Mrs. Glenn, at Prospect Sunday.

Miss Mary King spent the week end with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. King.

Mrs. Lyle Gilbert, Mrs. Eugene Cyrus and Mrs. W. D. Krantz spent the day in Lynchburg, Saturday.

Mr. Ronnie, Dennis Richard Irby and Miss Kathy Jones were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler last Wednesday night.

Mr. and Mrs. I. B. Wheeler visited Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Alvis and Mrs. Don Jennings and Brad Wheeler in Lynchburg Saturday.

Here is a wish for each one of you . . . May the New Year be a Happy One.

Use caution in decorating the tree. Don't attempt to place the last star on top if you have to stretch dangerously. Wait for adequate manpower and/or a sturdy stepladder. Have someone hold the stepladder while you are on it.

CHRISTMAS
In appreciation of your patronage...
Best wishes to customers and friends for a holiday filled with the happy sounds of laughter. Merry Christmas.
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The Pastor Speaks

Notice with me in the conclusion of this series of messages that Christ's birth was "undeserved" by us, but may we say with the song writer, "Jesus is the sweetest name I know and He's just the same as His lovely name and that's the reason why I love Him so. Oh, Jesus is the sweetest name I know. There have been names that I have loved so dear but never has there been a name so dear to this heart of mine as the name Devine, the precious, precious name of Jesus." To the educator He is the great teacher (John 3:2). To the farmer He is the sower and Lord of the harvest (Luke 10:2). To the artist He is the altogether lovely one (Song of Solomon 5:16). To the architect He is the Chief corner stone (I Peter 2:6). To the builder He is the sure foundation (Isaiah 28:16). To the carpenter He is the door (John 10:7). To the banker He is the hidden treasure (Matthew 13:44). To the engineer He is the new and living way (Hebrews 10:20). To the doctor He is the great physician (Jeremiah 8:22). To the baker He is the bread of life (John 6:35). To the astronomer He is the Sun of righteousness (Malachi 4:2). To the florist He is the Rose of Sharon (Song of Solomon 2:1). To the geologist He is the Rock of Ages (I Cor. 10:4). To the horticulturist He is the true vine (John 15:1). To the judge He is the only righteous judge of man (II Timothy 4:8). To the juror He is the faithful and true witness (Revelation 3:14) To the lawyer He is the Counselor, law giver and true advocate (Isaiah 9:6). To the newspaper man He is the tidings of great joy (Luke 2:10). To the oculist He is the light of the eyes (Proverbs 29:13). To the philanthropist He is the unspeakable gift (II Cor. 9:15). To the preacher He is the Word of God (Rev. 19:13). To the sculptor He is the living stone. (I Peter 2:4). To the servant He is the good master (Matt. 23:8-10). To the Statesman He is the desire of all nations (Haggai 2:7). To the student He is the Incarnate Truth (I John 5:6). To the Theologian He is the author and finisher of our faith (Hebrews 12:2). To the toiler He is the giver of rest (Matt. 11:28). To the sinner He is the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world (John 1:29). To the Christian He is the Son of the living God, the Saviour, the Redeemer, and the loving God. Yes, "Jesus is the sweetest name I know and He's just the same as His lovely name, and that's the reason why I love Him so. Oh Jesus is the sweetest name I know."

Earnie W. Lucas, Pastor
Bible Baptist Church
Appomattox, Va. 24522

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

BY LAWRENCE W. ALTHOUSE

WHOSE CUP OF TEA?

Lesson for December 28, 1969

Background Scripture: Micah 3:1-4; Matthew 3:1-12; 11:7-10.

Devotional Reading: Psalms 95:1-7.

The Pulpit Committee of First Church was looking for a new pastor. Not just any minister would do. After all, First Church was the largest and most influential church in the area. It had a fine tradition that boasted of eminent pulpit orators. Crowds were drawn to First Church on the reputations of its preachers.

That is what had interested them in John B. Someone had told Ben Adams, the Pulpit Committee Chairman, that they had heard a certain young preacher was "packing-them-in" in one of the nearby rural communities. Ordinarily, the Committee would not have been interested in a country preacher. But the crowds he was reported to be drawing might very well be an indication that this John B. was ready for the "big-time" (meaning First Church)!

The Way He Dressed

So the Committee made some discrete inquiries and on Sunday morning drove to the place where John B. was reported to be preaching. When they arrived there, the members of the Committee were astonished to find, not a country church, but an old picnic ground. Obviously this man was not from one of the recognized denominations. Either that or this outdoor preaching was simply a cheap stunt.

The place was crowded and it was not easy to work their way forward to the old bandstand on which the minister was standing. As they drew closer, Ben Adams gave a derisive snort: "Will you look at the way he's dressed! We could never have a man like that in our pulpit." The "like that" referred to the preacher's wiry black beard, his long, uncombed hair, and a strange robe that was apparently made from animal skins.

Having seen this was enough for Ben Adams and his committee, they would have left right then, if it hadn't been difficult to push back through the crowd. Since they had little choice, they decided to stay and endure it to the end. After all, the man was rather humorous-looking. The experience would be good for some laughs at least. Some of them began to smirk.

Indelicate Language

As they listened to him, however, their smirks froze on their faces. His message was downright insulting. "Repent," he challenged them, "for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." Didn't he realize that the crowd was mostly made up of good church people? Why should respectable people like that be told to repent? Who was he to sit in judgment of them? Apparently he was another one of these professional troublemakers!

Suddenly, looking directly at the men of the Pulpit Committee, John shouted, "You bunch of snakes! Who warned you to try to escape God's wrath? Conduct yourself as repentent men and don't rely on your church membership to get you through. I'm warning you that God's judgment is going to hit you hard!" Just as suddenly he turned away and stepped down into the water to baptise some people who were waiting for him. Ben Adam and the men of First Church were too embarassed and angry to utter a word.

"Some Kind of a Nut!"

As soon as it was possible, the red-faced men beat a hasty retreat. They wanted nothing further to do with this preacher. They were appalled by his appearance -- "Looked like a Communist," confided one of them. They liked his words even less. "Repent!" That was no message for the people of First Church. Worst of all, however, was his personal attack upon them! How dared he!

He was obviously "some kind of a nut," they decided, a crazy man making crazy promises and charges, a religious fanatic. John the Baptist was just not their "cup of tea."

But then, neither was Jesus! (Based on outlines copyrighted by the Division of Christian Education, National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. Released by Community Press Service.)

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SEASON'S GREETINGS!!

A greeting to my host of friends and relatives and specially my former pupils and school associates.

To those we love and see all year,
To those with whom we're somehow out of touch
To all good friends whose friendship
Means so much.

Whatever else is lost with the years-
Whatever else changes, Christmas remains-
A time of happy recollections,
A time for remembering treasured friends.

May the New Year be PEACEFUL and glad,
The very best you've ever had!
Remember, this wish is not for Christmas
and New Years merely,
But meant to be enjoyed by you and yours
DAILY, MONTHLY AND YEARLY!

Sincerely
Flora Belle Williams

BLESSINGS OF CHRISTMAS

"When the shepherds saw the Christ Child they rejoiced with exceeding great joy." As the memory of the manger shines anew, we wish for you a truly wondrous Christmas. May your blessings be bountiful. Grateful thanks to you.

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BATHS

...TRENT
...Harrington Trent, ...of Concord, died ...in Williamsburg ...

...ington County, ...of Richard Trent ...survived by his widow, ...Trent; three sons, ...Dr. Earl and Wil... daughter, Mrs. ...of Rich... Richard L. ...burg and five ...Mrs. Thorahill ...Jake Tabbs of Lyn... Mattie Wood of ...Mrs. Reid Rebhard ...B. C. and Mrs. ...of Concord. ...conducted Funeral ...in charge of ar...

...LINKENHOKER
...Wooldridge Going ...90, formerly of ...died Sunday morn... Community Hos... Tenn. After a ...Mr. Go had been living ...daughter, Mrs. Tom ...Kingsport, Tenn. ...Appomattox County, ...daughter of Tazewell ...Coleridge and Martha ...Virginia. He was the ...B. Linkenhoker and ...father of the Trinity ...Methodist Church. ...her daughter, she is ...one brother, A. T. ...of Lynchburg, six ...and 12 great-...

...services were con... p.m. Tuesday at ...Bernard Bass by the ...R. Brammetter, the ...Baptist and the ...Corinne Corinne. Burial ...the Presbyterian ...

...R. CARTER
...services for Thorn... Carter, 89 (RR.3 ...were conducted at ...Thursday at the New ...Church. Burial ...the church cem...

...early Wednesday ...his residence. ...Buckingham County, ...son of William Daniel ...Walker Carter. He ...and farmer and mem... New Hope Baptist ...

...survived by his wife, ...Mattie Morris Carter; ...William H. Carter, ...Carter and Thornton ...Jr., all of Richmond; ...Carter and Richard ...both of Appomattox. ...Carter and Tudor Carter ...Lynchburg; two ...Mrs. Ola Morris of ...and Mrs. Virginia ...Nashville, Tennessee; ...children and 19 great, ...

...Funeral Home was ...arrangements.

MRS. H. J. NASH

PAMPLIN - Mrs. Cassie Sarah Nash, 62, of Pamplin died Wednesday afternoon, Dec. 17, at her residence.

Born in Charlotte County, she was the daughter of Oscar A. Roach and Ella A. Roach. She was a member of Centenary Methodist Church, Madisonville.

She is survived by her husband, Harry J. Nash; two sons, Robert R. Nash of Pamplin and Leslie E. Nash of Appomattox; three brothers, Willie Roach of Pamplin, Henry Roach of Charlottesville and Leslie Roach of Charlotte Court House; four sisters, Mrs. Tommy Lee and Ida Roach of Madisonville, Mrs. Odel Lee and Mrs. Crafton St. John of Charlotte Court House and four grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p. m. Friday at the Centenary Methodist Church by the Rev. John Hoke. Burial took place in the church cemetery.

Robinson Funeral Home, of Appomattox was in charge of arrangements.

ROBERT L. MCDANIEL

Robert Lockett McDaniel, 94, of Appomattox, died Tuesday, Dec. 16, in Lynchburg General Hospital.

Born in Appomattox, he was the son of Jubber McDaniel and Maude McDaniel. He was the husband of the late Maude Patterson McDaniel and was a member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church.

He is survived by a number of area relatives.

Funeral services were conducted at 1 p.m. Saturday at Mt. Zion Baptist Church. Burial took place in the family cemetery.

West Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

JAMES M. HUGHES

James Melvin Hughes, 56, of Appomattox, died Wednesday night, Dec. 17, in the University Hospital, Charlottesville.

Born in West Virginia, he was the son of James Madison Hughes and Letha Ribinette Hughes. He was a member of Appomattox Court House Presbyterian Church and a veteran of World War II.

He is survived by one daughter, Mrs. James E. Baxter and five grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 11a.m. Friday at Robinson Funeral Home by the Rev. M. G. Stimpson. Burial took place in the Liberty Cemetery.

EDWARD MCPHILLIPS

Edward McPhillips, 72, of Appomattox, died Thursday morning, Dec. 18, at his residence.

Born in Appomattox County, he was the son of Edward McPhillips and Anna Bursch McPhillips. He was a member of Elon Baptist Church and a retired farmer.

He is survived by his wife, Otis Coleman McPhillips; one son, Edward Watkins McPhillips of Richmond; one daughter, Mrs. Hilda McPhillips of Appomattox; one brother, P.H. McPhillips of Catharpin and three grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at 2 p.m. Saturday at Robinson Funeral Home by the Rev. Ray Harley. Burial took place in Walker's Presbyterian Church Cemetery.

ROBERT J. FERGUSON

Robert J. Ferguson died Friday in New York City.

Born in Appomattox County, he was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Ferguson of Appomattox.

Besides his parents, he is survived by one son, Robert J. Ferguson Jr. of New York City; three daughters, Inez, Pamala and Barbara Ferguson of New York City; four brothers, Norman, Alphoso and Donald Ferguson of Concord and Richard Ferguson of New York, N.Y. and four sisters, Mrs. Alma Wheaton of Lynchburg, Mrs. Truemellow Carpenter of New York City, Mrs. Elois Thomas of Madison Heights and Mrs. Margaret Watson of Lynchburg.

Carl B. Hutcherson Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

JAMES PATTERSON

Funeral services for James Patterson of Pamplin, who died Thursday, was conducted at 1 p.m. Sunday at Zion Baptist Church. Burial took place in the family cemetery.

Surviving are six sons, Thomas Patterson, Oscar Patterson, Clifton Patterson, John Patterson, James Patterson and Joe Curtis Patterson; three daughters, Carol Patterson of Appomattox, Mrs. Odelle Halson of Pamplin, Mrs. Elizabeth Jones of Maryland; 13 grandchildren, and three great grandchildren.

MRS. PERCY L. JOHNSON

APPOMATTOX — Funeral services for Mrs. Mattie Edna Hunter Johnson, 55, of Appomattox, who died Saturday, will be conducted at 2 p.m. Tues., in Mount Airy Baptist Church. Burial took place in the family cemetery.

She was the wife of Percy L. Johnson of Appomattox.

She was the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Hunter.

She was a member of Mount Airy Baptist Church and was president of the Woman's Club of the church and secretary of the Senior Choir.

She is survived by her husband, a son, Othepus V. Johnson, both of Appomattox; two daughters, Viola Johnson of The Bronx, N. Y., and Betty J. Johnson of Appomattox.

West Funeral Home is in charge.

Gift Browsing At Elliotts

"Didn't know you had a GIFT Shop?" -- say many visitors who are finding last minute beautiful buys at Elliott's Gift Shop, all a part of the Florist Shop on Main Street.

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Merry Christmas And Happy New Year
Mildred Elliott
F. A. Elliott
Connie McDearman

UDC Holds Christmas Party

UDC members, meeting for their Christmas party Thursday evening at the home of Mrs. H. V. Spencer, had exchange gifts to admire plus the ruby and silver inlay plate held by Mrs. Clifford Plunkett (second from left). The memorial plate honors the Appomattox chapter for having the largest number of members joining a chapter on the record of one verteran of the War Between the States.

The chapter's hostess committee had egg nog, coffee, and all kinds of Christmas -time treats for members and guests including (from left), Mrs. Spencer, Mrs. Plunkett, Mrs. Hunter Jamerson, Mrs. Sam Miller, Mrs. Frances Harvey, Mrs. A. B. Cole, Mrs. Schuler Marshall, Mrs. Evalina Eversole, and Mrs. Hunter Dickerson. Standing on the stairs, Mrs. Jeanette Austin, Lynchburg, Mrs. Lucille Ferrell, Mrs. O. W. Martin, Jr., Mrs. Emma Zastrow, Mrs. Dave Cyrus and Mrs. Sam Evans.

Party Honors Cuban Family

A gala Christmas party given for a Cuban family by the Spanish Club of Appomattox High at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Matthews prompted this letter to the editor.

Dear Mr. Vaughan:

I would like to share with your readers an experience I had on Thursday night, Dec. 18.

I was lucky enough to be invited by Mr. James Hall, Spanish teacher at Appomattox High School, to attend a Christmas party given by the Spanish Club for a Cuban family living in the Pamplin Community at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Mathews.

Since I can not speak Spanish, I did quite a bit of observing. It did my heart good to see the sincere desire to help this refugee family shown by our young people. Often we lose sight of the good in our young girls and boys or just fail to give them credit for their good deeds.

Each student came in with a big smile and even bigger container of food, and the fellowship shared by all was tremendous.

So I would like to give three cheers for this fine group of young people and to Mr. Hall, their teacher, who shows such a great interest in each one. Also, thanks to the Mathews family for sharing their home with us on this heart warming occasion.

Sincerely yours,
Mrs. Steve Bowling

The Candelaria family, formerly of Cuba and now living in Pamplin, stand by a big Christmas tree with James Hall (right) Spanish instructor at Appomattox High. The Candelarias were guests of honor at the home of Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Mathews Thursday evening, Dec. 18 in a party given by the Spanish Club. Holding the snowman (left) is Omar standing with Yoel, with Magaly holding the large package. Behind them: Dora, Mr. Canelaria, Mrs. Candelaria and Carmen.

Yule Music Blends Joy, Reverence

Across the centuries, man has looked to music to express his happy feelings at Christmas time.

From the medieval "Hayl, Mary, ful of grace" and "Mervele noght, Josep" to the modern "White Christmas" and "Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer," songs have been a favorite part of Christmas celebrations.

In the tradition of Christmas music, there are simple carols, blending reverent wonder with quiet joy — Martin Luther's "Away in a Manger," for instance, or the mid-nineteenth century hymns, "It Came upon a Midnight Clear," "We Three Kings of Orient Are" and "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

There are merry songs, celebrating the jolly mood of the Yuletide, such as the time-honored "Deck the Halls," or the modern "Rudolph" and "Frosty the Snowman."

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